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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN COFFEE SITUATION AT THE END OF 1974/75 COFFEE  
YEAR

1. THE ETHIOPIAN COFFEE YEAR OFFICIALLY ENDED SEPT 30 WITH A LOWER QUANTITY OF EXPORTS THAN THE TRADE HAD PREVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED. BEST CURRENT ESTIMATES ARE THAT SOME 55-60,000 TONS WERE EXPORTED, 10-15,000 TONS OF WHICH WERE SOLD AFTER THE LARGE INCREASE IN PRICES FOLLOWING THE BRAZIL COFFEE FREEZE. EXPORT ACTIVITY CAME TO A VIRTUAL HALT ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO IN LARGE PART BECAUSE COFFEE WHOLESALERS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO STORE THEIR REMAINING COFFEE RATHER THAN TO SELL TO EXPORTERS. THESE WHOLESALERS MAY BE HOLDING AS MUCH AS 10,000 TONS. IT IS COMMONLY BELIEVED THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO HOLD COFFEE BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY CURRENTLY PREVALENT IN ETHIOPIA. SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT BE ABLE TO REASSURE THEM THEY MAY WELL EXPORT THESE HOLDINGS BEFORE THE NEW CROP BEGINS TO ARRIVE IN THE ADDIS MARKET AROUND THE FIRST OF DECEMBER.

2. REPORTS CONCERNING THE NEW CROP CONTINUE TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY FAVORABLE BUT THE SITUATION REMAINS CLOUDED BY THE UNCERTAINTIES DISCUSSED IN REF AIR.

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